

(c) *Area inspection.* Prior to the implementation of any labeling or packaging operation, there shall be an inspection of the area where the operation is to occur by a designated individual to assure that devices and labeling materials from prior operations do not remain in the labeling or packaging area. Any such items found shall be destroyed, disposed of, or returned to storage prior to the onset of a new or different labeling or packaging operation.

(d) *Storage.* Labels and labeling shall be stored and maintained in a manner that provides proper identification and is designed to prevent mixups.

(e) *Labeling materials.* Labeling materials issued for devices shall be examined for identity and, where applicable, the correct expiration date, control number, storage instructions, handling instructions, and additional processing instructions. A record of such examination, including the date and person performing the examination, shall be maintained in the device history record.

§ 820.121 Critical devices, device labeling.

In addition to the requirements of § 820.120, the following requirements apply to critical devices:

(a) *Control number.* Labels issued for critical devices shall contain a control number.

(b) *Labeling check.* The signature of the individual who proofreads the labels and other labeling, and the date of the proofreading, shall be recorded.

(c) *Access restriction.* Access to the labels and other labeling shall be restricted to authorized personnel.

§ 820.130 Device packaging.

The device package and any shipping container for a device shall be designed and constructed to protect the device from alteration or damage during the customary conditions of processing, storage, handling, and distribution.

Subpart H—Holding, Distribution, and Installation

§ 820.150 Distribution.

There shall be written procedures for warehouse control and distribution of

finished devices to assure that only those devices approved for release are distributed. Where a device's fitness for use or quality deteriorates over time, there shall be a system to assure that the oldest approved devices are distributed first.

§ 820.151 Critical devices, distribution records.

In addition to the requirements of § 820.150, adequate distribution records for critical devices shall include, or make reference to the location of: the name and address of the consignee, the name and quantity of devices, the date shipped, and the control number used. These records shall be retained as required by § 820.180(b).

§ 820.152 Installation.

Where a device is installed by the manufacturer or its authorized representative, the manufacturer or representative shall inspect the device after installation to assure that the device will perform as intended. Where a device is installed by a person other than the manufacturer or its authorized representative, the manufacturer shall provide adequate instructions and procedures for proper installation.

Subpart I—Device Evaluation

§ 820.160 Finished device inspection.

There shall be written procedures for finished device inspection to assure that device specifications are met. Prior to release for distribution, each production run, lot or batch shall be checked and, where necessary, tested for conformance with device specifications. Where practical, a device shall be selected from a production run, lot or batch and tested under simulated use conditions. Sampling plans for checking, testing, and release of a device shall be based on an acceptable statistical rationale. Finished devices shall be held in quarantine or otherwise adequately controlled until released.

§ 820.161 Critical devices, finished device inspection.

In addition to the requirements of § 820.160, the following requirement applies to critical devices: A critical de-